

*****June 8, 2020*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on Monday, June 8, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Vice Mayor Amy Speek (arrived at 4:17 p.m., left at 5:25 p.m.)
Councilmember Cheryl Graham
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

Fred Edgemon, James Boulevard, asked the Council to only allow parking at Rainbow Lake and don't allow overflow parking in residential areas. Mr. Edgemon said that Old Town residents don't deserve the extra traffic and that he does not feel it is safe for his 2-year-old.

David Spiller, James Boulevard, said that parking along James Boulevard is out of hand.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BRIAN SITTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS AND 75/100 (\$37,853.75), AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR A CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, INCLUDING WATERLINE REPLACEMENT, ON JANE COVE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,800.00) IN CONTINGENCY FUNDS."

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with Councilmembers Graham, Lusk, Murdock and Mayor Landrum voting in favor of approving the Resolution and Vice Mayor Speek abstaining.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PHALTLESS, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$32,500.00), AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTIONS OF BUGLE CALL WAY FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$3,250.00) IN CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT."

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PHALTLESS, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$53,500.00), AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTIONS OF FERN TRAIL FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$5,350.00) IN CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT."

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

4. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO JASON HELTON CONSTRUCTION, LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$23,750.00), AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF ON TOWN HALL FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) IN CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the resolution subject to confirmation that no architectural review is required. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2019-13, 2020-03 AND 2020-04, ENTITLED THE "FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE," SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR."

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the ordinance.

2. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the ordinance.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-102 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE IN REFERENCE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS."

Town Attorney, Harry Cash, said that Council was presented with two options based on discussions at previous meetings. He said the first option was to allow a vote at a meeting to not include specific regular item of business for a future agenda. He said the second option removes Council's ability to remove any regular items of business from the agenda. Mr. Cash said that items could be added to the agenda with either option. After discussions, Council decided to vote on the second option.

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve option two for the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the ordinance.

Discussion

1. Recreation Facilities.

- Council discussed the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC). Mayor Landrum made a motion to extend the privilege granted at the last meeting for Nightfall to record at the MACC for the month of June. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion.

Vice Mayor Speek left the meeting at 5:25 p.m., and did not vote on any of the issues that follow.

- Council had extensive discussions regarding issues and concerns about opening the pool to residents. Mayor Landrum made a motion that, at the earliest possible date, staff is to reopen the swimming pool for lane swimming by reservation, without

assessing any fees, for use by Town residents 16 years and older. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion. Mayor Landrum asked the Town Manager to contact the Green Giant swim team and invite them to provide a plan for the team to safely utilize the pool for training.

- Council discussed Governor Lee's determination that baseball is not a contact sport. Mayor Landrum said he has been contacted to see if the Town will open the fields for play by the local baseball leagues. Council asked how the leagues would achieve social distancing and other safety measures. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, suggested that the leagues police the participants and their parents to ensure their compliance with the State guidelines. After further discussion, Mayor Landrum made a motion that the Town allow its facilities to be used for non-contact recreation leagues subject to execution by league representative of an agreement with the Town. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion.
 - Mr. Veal said that an individual is interested in holding a monologue play of Twisted Roots at the Town's amphitheater. This performance would be a benefit for the Playhouse. Mr. Veal said they are tentatively scheduled for the first and second weeks in September for the performances. After discussion, Council consensus was to proceed with this planned activity.
2. SMEPF Proposal – MACC – Document Review. Mr. Veal informed the Council that he has drafted two documents. He said one is a Memorandum of Agreement that lays out the provisions for the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund (SMEPF) to operate the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) for 1 year, starting July 1, to operate within the Governors Guidelines. Mr. Veal said the SMEPF will be operating the MACC in the same manner and doing the same type of activities that the MACC has done historically. Mr. Veal said the second document is a Lease Agreement. He said there is a \$1.00 fee for a 1-year term. Mr. Veal further stated that the proposal will be on the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting on June 16th for consideration and for their recommendations. Council agreed to go to the Planning Commission
 3. Planning Commission Application. Council asked this item be placed on the next agenda.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal said that the bids for the AMI water meters are due to the Town this Friday. Council discussed the need to have a meeting dedicated to review of the water meter replacement program.

Mr. Veal said that the Recycle Center has returned the normal schedule of opening from Tuesday through Saturday. He said that residents don't have to go on their trash schedule but does encourage them to use the center during the week.

Mr. Veal said he has been contacted by TDOT about plans to move forward with repair and maintenance of the road up the mountain. He said that this construction work will require the Town to relocate a portion of the water line.

Other Business

- a. Communications from the Mayor. Mayor Landrum said that Vice Mayor Speek has informed him that her last meeting date is July 13th.
- b. Communications from Committees or Boards. None
- c. Communications from the Town Council. None

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the June 22, 2020 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder